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- (1) European Patent No. 0 373 333;
- (2) German Patent No. 41 04 812;
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,255,762;
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- (5) U.S. Patent No. 3,767,018.

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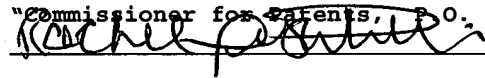
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